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MPO Approves Seguin Project

Tor Drive to be Widened, Sidewalks and Bike Lanes Added

SEGUIN, Texas – A busy road in Seguin is set to become easier to travel for both motorists and bicyclists. Monday, the Alamo Area (formerly San Antonio-Bexar County) Metropolitan Planning Organization approved improvements to Tor Drive.

“We’re just like any other city, we have more needs than funding,” Seguin City Engineer Joe Ramos said. “We’re happy that the MPO approved this project so that we can start doing what’s necessary to get it designed and started.”

Tor Drive, which connects South Austin Street to Highway 123, currently has one lane in each direction. The improvements will widen the road so that a continuous center turn lane can be added. Sidewalks and bike lanes will also be added to each side.

“We selected this particular project to submit for approval for a few reasons,” Ramos continued. One reason is the deteriorating condition of the existing road. We also view it as a way to increase capacity between two highways.”

The acquisitions, surveys and design of the project is expected to take up to a year. After that, a completion date will be set. The MPO approved the project at an estimated cost of \$3.1 million.

About the Alamo Area (formerly San Antonio-Bexar County) Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization develops transportation plans and programs to address the needs of the greater San Antonio area. The Transportation Policy Board leads the MPO and decides how federal and state transportation funds will be allocated for the region.

About the City of Seguin

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational, and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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